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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO CHIANG CHING-KUO LETTER

PLEASE PROVIDE PREMIER CHIANG TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REPLY  
TO HIS OCTOBER 14 LETTER. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY  
POUCH:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PREMIER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 14. I AM ALWAYS  
GLAD TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS, AND WELCOME THE FRANKNESS WITH  
WHICH YOU STATED THEM.

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONCERN OVER OUR CHINA POLICY, I  
ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB TO PROCEED TO TAIWAN FROM  
PEKING TO BRIEF YOU ON MY RECENT VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I UNDERSTAND FROM MR. HABIB THAT HIS  
MEETING WITH YOU WAS NOT ONLY USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE,  
BUT ALSO REFLECTED THE TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS

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CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONSHIP FOR THESE MANY YEARS.

AS MR. HABIB MADE CLEAR IN THE COURSE OF HIS PRESENTATION,  
IN OUR SEARCH FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH PEKING OVER THE  
PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE SHOWN A PRUDENT REGARD FOR

THE VITAL INTERESTS OF YOUR PEOPLE. YOU MAY BE ASSURED  
THAT AS WE PURSUE OUR GOAL OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACT  
IN THIS SAME MANNER..

I BELIEVE OUR SHARED RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A  
PRUDENT AND UNDERSTANDING APPROACH TO THE ISSUES BEFORE  
US REPRESENTS THE BEST MEANS TO ENSURE THE PROSPERITY AND  
WELL-BEING OF YOUR PEOPLE AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE  
CLOSE AND VALUED TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION  
BETWEEN US.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT. KISSINGER

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